Food processing units in Karnataka

1708. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for setting up new food processing units and expansion of the existing ones in Karnataka are pending with the Central Government for approval; and

(b) if so, the details thereof in each case, and by when centre's approval for each is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Under the Ministry's Scheme for Setting Up/ Technology Upgradation/Modernisation of Food Processing Industries out of 192 applications received from Karnataka, 46 applications were pending at various stages of processing. Consequent on decentralization of processing and disbursement of grant under the scheme through banks and financial institutions, all the eligible pending applications have been sent to the concerned banks from which the units have taken term loan, for sanction and disbursement of grant under the scheme. Necessary funds are being provided to the banks for disbursement of grant to these units expeditiously.

Food processing training centres in U.P.

1709. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing training centers set up in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any provisions have been made in these Centres for SCs, STs, OBCs and women entrepreneurs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of entrepreneurs trained/given hands-on-experience in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government does not set up Food Processing Training Centres on its own but assists State Government Organizatins, Educational and Training Institutions, NGOs, Cooperatives etc to do so. 101 Food Processing Training Centres have been assisted in Uttar Pradesh from inception till 29th February, 2008.

(a) and (c) Priority is given to the people belonging to SC/ST/OBC and women entrepreneurs in the selection for trainees in Food Processing Training Centres.

(d) The number of entrepreneurs trained/given hands on experience were 10100. Approximately 4040 persons belonging to SCs/STs/OBCs and women entrepreneurs have been trained.

Working of food processing units

†1710. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of total food processing units working in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.